

MINUTES
CITY OF AUBURN - TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
8:30 A.M. @ City Hall Conference Room 10

1. Public Comment:

Norm Lovings – A driver for FedEx approached the committee with a request for some sort of ordinance or requirement for sports bicyclists to wear a safety color vest while riding around town, particularly in the Shirland Tract / Auburn Folsom area.

He stated that regular color clothing blends in with the area making it dangerous for both the cyclist and the vehicle driver. He showed the picture on the front page of the 1/18/10 Auburn Journal depicting a cyclist in a brightly colored, yet lightweight vest. He also suggested possibly a bike helmet with blinking light or headlight.

He gave statistics showing that 100 cyclists are killed each year by cars and 52,000 injured. Motorists failing to give right-of-way, turning left into cyclists or cyclists turning into traffic are reasons for the deaths / injuries in addition to not wearing safety color clothing.

Chief Harris asked if other jurisdictions had ordinances that he knew of. He didn't know of any off hand.

The consensus was to put the item on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

2. Approval of September 15, 2009 Minutes

There were not enough committee members for a quorum to approve the Minutes. Minutes were carried over.

Present Member Attendees: Chief Harris, Jack Warren, Bernie Schroeder

ACTION ITEMS:

- 3. Time Limit Parking/Court House Coffee** - (COMPLETED 2009; implemented one designated 30 minute parking spot)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 4. Streetscape update – Bernie Schroeder**

None

5. Reserved Parking Permits City Lots – Status update

Chief Harris said there were 18 parking permits last year but only 13 this year. They run \$180.00 for the year. Should we remove “Reserved” spots?

Schroeder asked how many spots we have as some changes have been made because of streetscape construction. Schroeder will have her crew conduct an updated survey of remaining reserved parking spaces for the next committee meeting. Warren asked how many reserved spaces each business can have? Harris indicated individual business needs as there is no restriction as to how many any business can purchase. The only limiting factor for reserved parking is the total number of designated reserved spaces and demand. Harris stated a decrease in the number of permitted parking spots would need to go before the city council for approval. Should demand exceed the number of existing spaces a lottery can be held to determine permit holders.

Chief Harris agreed with Schroeder to present a count of the existing “Reserved” parking spaces at the next meeting.

OBTA AGENDA ITEMS PENDING PER FINALIZATION OF PARKING/TRAFFIC STUDY:

Traffic Study – AD HOC COMMITTEE handling:

Officer Hopping and volunteers will be doing the follow up survey of traffic flows on Orange Street. A coordinated effort will also consist of giving warning notices to drivers that fail to “curb” their vehicle tires and other related issues that warrant reminders to drivers.

Also discussed was the issue of speeders traveling Southbound on Hillmont St. onto Orange St. and turning right (W/B) onto Lewis St. A request has been made by an area business owner to consider a stop sign at the intersection of Orange St. and Lewis St. to ensure drivers come to a complete stop prior to making the turn and possibly striking pedestrians. This area is heavily traveled by high school students especially going to and from lunch.

The follow up traffic survey of residents should be complete by March.

NEXT TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2010

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Bauer, Administrative Asst.